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R 060520Z APR 74  
FM AMEMBASSY RANGOON  
TO AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
SECSTATE WASHDC 7876

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR BM KN KS  
SUBJ: (1) NORTH KOREA MISSION TO BURMA  
(2) SOUTH KOREA COM

1. SOUTH KOREA CONGEN MOON SOON LEE, INFORMED DCM APRIL 5 THAT NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION SCHEDULED TO VISIT BURMA THIS MONTH, IS LED BY VICE MINISTER KANG YANG UK. OTHERS IN 7-MAN PARTY INCLUDE VICE CHIEF OF ARMY STAFF, LT. GENERAL BAK CHUNG MUK AND MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, KIM HAK SUP.

2. BILLED INITIALLY AS GOODWILL MISSION, DEVELOPMENTS SO FAR HAVE CREATED ANYTHING BUT. WHEN DELEGATION INFORMED BY MFA THAT ORIGINAL SCHEDULE OF FIRST FOUR DAYS IN APRIL AND THAT ALTERNATIVE SCHEDULE OF APRIL 9 - 13 WERE NOT CONVENIENT TO GUB, NORTH KOREANS THEN REQUESTED "INFORMAL STOPOVER" APRIL 15 "FOR A FEW DAYS". THOUGH NOT NOW A STATE VISIT, DELEGATION NEVERTHELESS HAS PRESSED FOR CALL ON NE WIN AND OTHER FORMALITIES.

3. LEE ADDED GLEEFULLY THAT MFA TOLD HIM "THIS GIVES MUCH HEADACHE TO THE GOVERNMENT;...THEY ALWAYS DO THIS WAY."

4. LEE OBVIOUSLY RELIEVED. HE HAD WONDERED AND WORRIED ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS HIGH LEVEL VISIT.

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5. CONGEN LEE ALSO INFORMS US THAT HE DEPARTS FOR SEOUL APRIL 9

TO ATTEND SOUTH KOREA CHIEF OF MISSION CONFERENCE. WILL BE  
ABSENT FROM POST TWO OR THREE WEEKS. WHEN DCM STATED WE  
WOULD INFORM EMBASSY SEOUL OF HIS PRESENCE, LEE SAID HE WOULD BE  
KEPT BUSY BUT EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS COURTESY.  
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